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An Open Letter of Thanks to the Community

We are so blessed by being members of the incredible Jewish community in Hamilton County. As many of you know, we suffered the unthinkable death of our son, Seth Lurie Eichenthal. The three rabbis and the Jewish community blanketed us with love and comfort at this incredibly tragic time in our lives. We want to thank all of the members of the community for your kind and meaningful words, incredible hugs, delicious and endless amounts of food, visits, donations, phone calls, emails, cards and Facebook messages. The outpouring of support at the services and funeral was extraordinary.

Please consider making a gift in Seth's memory to the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga to the *Together We Can Scholarship Fund* so that CSAS students interested in engineering can receive much needed funding for college costs.

Bea Lurie, David Eichenthal and Emily Lurie Eichenthal

The Legacy of Rhonda Seeber

I had the privilege of being Rhonda Seeber's friend (may her memory be for blessings), ever since she and Michael moved to Chattanooga in 1997. For many years she spoke about a twofold vision she had, of an ongoing service/program offered to anyone in Chattanooga, of any faith, who had a need for personal healing or who wanted to concentrate on the healing of someone else. In her vision, it would be a joint venture of all the Jewish organizations in Chattanooga.

I attended the Chattanooga Community Healing Program that was held at the JCC on January 23, and was very inspired and moved. Obviously a lot of thought and planning went into creating such a special experience of music, readings and sharing.

This opportunity for personal healing was meaningful to me, but what made it incredible was that Hadassah participated along with the Federation and Rabbis Tepper, Tandler and Perlstein--just as Rhonda had envisioned it.

Rhonda's efforts to bring people together for meaningful experiences were at the core of who she was. Whether the gatherings were Jewish in nature (as in her Rosh Chodesh group years ago and more recently, Hadassah) or just for fun to eat out/go to a movie, these soulful gatherings were more than just people getting together for fun.

I am reaching out to everyone reading this letter to request that, as a legacy to Rhonda, you take time to email or write each rabbi, Hadassah and Jewish Federation and request that this type of joint service/program happen at least twice a year. What better tribute could there be for Rhonda?

Best,
 Janet (Perfetti) Sivils

It is the policy of The Shofar to encourage letters to the editor. For a letter to be published, it must be signed. The writer's name will be printed. Letters may be edited for length and are selected for publication at the discretion of the editor. Letters should be no more than 200 words.

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Ryan Whited To Graduate in Spring

Ryan Whited, son of Stacey and Kevin Whited and grandson of Ann and Mike Sayward and Faye and Grover Geddie, will graduate from Dade County High School this spring. At school Ryan is involved in drama and sports, in particular soccer, and excels at math and science. Outside of school he has been a Madrichim at CJCRS for the past 4 years, and enjoys hiking, rock climbing, and playing the ukulele. He does not yet know where he will be attending college.



“The Chattanooga Jewish Community’s Impact on Chattanooga” March 3, 6:00pm, Chattanooga Public Library (Broad St.) Sanford Winer will give a talk to the Chattanooga Area Historical Association. For more information, contact Sanford at sewiner@comcast.net.



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Parents, Do you have a child with an upcoming bar/bat mitzvah, or one who will be graduating from high school this year? Please contact The Shofar editor at dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com ASAP so that we can profile him or her in an upcoming issue.



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In Search of Exhibit Space for Worthy Peace Project

An exhibit of 30 children’s posters that was showing in Givatayim, our Sister City in Israel, is coming to Chattanooga for a few months, and we are looking for places to display it. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a cultural exchange in a meaningful way.

The posters were the 2013-2014 national winners of the annual Peace Poster design contest, from which participants for the

International contest, run by Lions Club International, were picked. The theme was “Our World, Our Future.”

“Each year, Lions Clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.” (Source: Lions International website.) If you feel you have a suitable place for hosting these posters, for one-to three weeks, or if you have any questions, please contact Merav Balazs at: meravbt@gmail.com or 847.302.4834.

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Jewish Federation Tributes (as of Feb. 19)

To make a tribute, please contact Sarah DiStefano (Mon., Fri.) or Deborah Tepper (Tues., Wed., Thurs.) at 493-0270, ext. 10 or federation@jewishchattanooga.com.

Tributes of any amount are payable in cash, by check (to JFGC), or by MC, Visa, Discover, or Amex.

When you make a tribute, you may designate who receives a card acknowledging your tribute, and you will also receive a written record of your donation. Tributes made after *The Shofar* goes to press will appear the following month. You may choose to make a tribute anonymously.

In Honor of...

Cindy Powell's Bat Mitzvah

Barbara Paper

Beverly Rice's Bat Mitzvah

Barbara Paper

SHALOM Y'ALL

The Jewish Federation welcomes...

...Cara Weiner and James ("Jr.") Ryan, who moved to Chattanooga from Atlanta. Cara is a lawyer whose interests include animal rescue and gardening, and James is a financial analyst with UNUM.

MAZEL TOV

...to Leslie & Chris Cobb, daughter and son-in-law of Cyndie & Dale Powell, on the adoption of their son, Jaxson Wayne, on Jan. 21.

...to Sara and Aaron Solomon on the birth of their second daughter, Nora Anne, on February 12. She joins big sister Zoe.

CONDOLENCES

...to Elaine and Judy Epstein, and Eron and Valerie Epstein, on the passing of their father and uncle, David Epstein, on February 18.

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the bereaved.

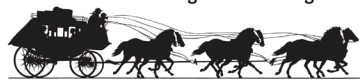
Although the Shofar deadline is the 8th of the month, mazel tovs and condolences are accepted at any time. Please contact Dana Shavin at 493-0270, ext. 12 or dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com



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Interested in going in mid-to-late October 2014 (with an option for a pre-Israel mission trip to Poland)? Join us at the JCC Wed., March 12 at 5:30p.m. for an informational meeting. For more information contact Michael Dzik 893-5443 or mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com



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Oct. 22-Nov. 3

Add a Pre-Mission Trip to Poland
Oct. 19-22

Travel to Israel: Passport and Visa Information

You will need a signed US Passport for travel to Israel, valid for at least 6 months after the return date to the U.S. Carry it with you! Do not pack it in your luggage. Consult your local US Passport office if you have any questions about the validity of your passport or if you must renew your current one. If you are not a US citizen, please contact the Israeli Consulate for the most up to date entry requirements.

US citizens need not apply for a visa before leaving for Israel: they will be given this visa upon their arrival in Israel free of charge.

What Will Be Your Legacy?

Giving (*tzedakah*) is at the core of Jewish life. For millennia, Jewish dreamers have passed on that tradition to their children through their words and deeds. They have left their legacy in the organizations and services that have nourished us, strengthened us, guided us and taught us during our lifetimes.



You learned well from their example. Through your generosity of spirit and resources, you have continued the sacred work of repairing our world. You have fed the hungry, educated the young, uplifted the lonely, protected the persecuted, and cared for the elderly. You have fought for justice and fairness, or furthered scientific understanding. Whatever you have done, you have done with passion.

So how will you turn that passion into your legacy?

It's never too early to share your dreams and your passions with future generations. Call the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga today.

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HADASSAH NEWS



HADASSAH

by Judy Sachsman
Past President

Heart Health, Human Trafficking, and Women Making a Difference

Charlotte Boatwright, a nationally recognized expert on domestic abuse, headlined a program at a joint Hadassah-Federation event. It was a wonderful opportunity for attendees to hear from such an important speaker.

In conjunction with the American Heart Association, Hadassah will host a lunch and speaker on Thursday, March 6 at noon at the JCC called "Every Beat Counts." Kim Enoch and Emily Fuller of the American Heart Association will join Dr. Allen Lewis, Director of Cardiac Rehabilitation at Memorial. A heart healthy lunch will be served by Alice Morgan for a cost of \$10. Please RSVP to Elaine Winer at 622-0675 or ebwlaw@bellsouth.net.

Sandy Tabakin will chair a program on human trafficking on Monday, May 12 at the JCC at 7p.m.. Two FBI agents will discuss the hub of this activity, which is in Atlanta along I-75. There is no charge to attend this event and a dairy dessert reception will follow.

"Action Alert: Women Make the Difference," is the theme of the Southern Region Spring Conference, April 5-6 at the Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin, Tennessee. Chattanooga's shlicha, Hadas Peled, will present a program on "Influential Women of Israel" along with the shaliach from Nashville. Contact Dana Waxler (706)820-4013 if you are interested in attending this conference or the National Convention: Inspire, Imagine, Ignite, in Las Vegas July 21-24.

Beautiful Hadassah certificates designed for every occasion are available for contributions to JNF environmental projects including tree planting and water conservation. New Hadassah Chai certificates start at \$18. Millie Lander is available to assist members with certificates and Cyndie Powell (364-5816) is now in charge of a wide assortment of Hadassah cards.

Is all that loose change cluttering your bureaus? JNF Blue Boxes and Hadassah Red Boxes are attractive ways to decorate your counter space and help support worthy projects. Contact Millie Lander to get your box (698-1613).

Hadassah has developed a new giving plan called "Chai Society: Choose Where To Make Your Impact." A monthly donation of \$15 or \$30 (or an annual donation of \$180 or \$360) will support Hadassah's amazing projects in Israel including those impacting health care, medical research, youth projects, and education. Millie Lander can supply interested members with more information.

Riki Jordan Odineal has just joined Hadassah and been installed as the chapter's Recording Secretary. Welcome also to Arlene Dees. As newcomers arrive in Chattanooga, please bring them to Hadassah events so they can become part of this dedicated group. Remember: every lifecycle event deserves the gift that endures: membership in Hadassah.

This is not your mother's Hadassah!

Please join us for a casual Meet, Greet & Eat to discover what Hadassah's younger generation is all about.

Thursday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m.

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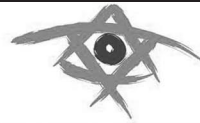
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RSVP by March 15th to Beth's email: silverbeth27@gmail.com



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B'nai Zion Congregation

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Purim Costume Party

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Reading of the Megillah

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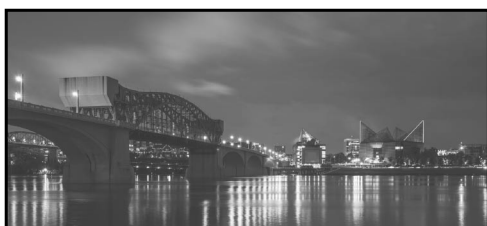
Make It & Bake It: A Young Adult and Family Cooking Club



Sunday, March 23: 4:00 p.m.

In a small Jewish community, how do we bring together families to build connections? Food is the answer. Make It & Bake It will bring together families from our community to socialize, eat and even go home with dinner

for another night. Half of the adults will play with the kids while the other adults spend time in the kitchen cooking. The program will conclude with everyone coming together to share some of the delicious offerings from the kitchen. RSVP to jason@bzcongregation.com; RSVP is required for this program. *This project was made possible by a #MakeItHappen micro grant. #MakeItHappen is a global initiative of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Philanthropic Network. For more information, visit makeithappen.schusterman.org.*



Shabbat Across Chattanooga

Friday, April 4

Join us for different Shabbat dinner experiences at homes throughout the community.

Contact Marcia at Marcia@bzcongregation.com for details.

Beit Sefer Ivri

On March 12 we will hold our first BSI Rikudiah, an Israeli style dance festival. Join us as each class performs a selected dance. Plan to bring the whole family for the fun! Dinner begins at 6 p.m., followed by the program.

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Ruach Rikudiah

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RURY 2014

March 12
6:00 p.m.
At B'nai Zion

Beit Sefer Ivri Meeting Dates – March 5, 12, 19 & 26 Junior Congregation – March 1 & 15, 10:00 a.m.

Be sure to visit our blog at bsiednotes.blogspot.com. It is open 24/6 (please don't visit on Shabbat). There is a link to our online registration, a current calendar of our school activities, schedules of classes, resources for upcoming holidays, Youth group information and more! Don't forget our Ashrei Society and Kiddush Society pages.

For more information about Hebrew School or upcoming youth events, please contact Jason Cathcart 894-8900 x103 or jason@bzcongregation.com.

BZ Service Times

Minyan - Tuesdays & Fridays - 5:45 p.m.
Shabbat - Saturdays - 9:45 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)
Services are open to all. Visitors are welcome.

CJCRS Adult Sunday Morning Learning

CJCRS Adult Sunday Morning Learning
Sunday mornings in March: 9:30 a.m. @ Mizpah
Our topic in for the whole month of March will be "The Five Megillot". Join us for a critical look at the texts of Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes and Esther. The course fee for members of a congregation for the session is \$18.00.



L.O.L. Lessons Of Leadership: Timeless, Jewish, and Effective

Starting Thursday, March 6: 12 p.m.



Join us the first Thursday of the month for an invigorating conversation about how the Tanakh and today's leaders can influence our personal model of leadership. Two classes for your convenience:
East Brainerd – Contact the BZ office for location. Downtown – The office of Ross Sadoff & Innovative Financial Group, LLC, 735 Broad Street, Suite 900. Please bring your own dairy or parve bag lunch. We look forward to seeing you!

Lunch & Learn

Thursday, Mar. 27: 12 p.m. @ BZ

Join us for invigorating conversations about ethics as we eat tuna and egg salad sandwiches. RSVP to Marcia with your lunch preference. Cost is \$5.



Beginning this month, join us for an in-depth Hebrew course looking at each service individually--the meaning, history, theology, sources. We will pair this offering with a course in Tefillah (prayer) leading skills. For information contact Rabbi Tandler at rabbi@bzcongregation.com

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CONGREGATION NEWS



by Richard Zachary

Mizpah Shabbat Worship and Study Schedule

Sat., Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	9:00 am Torah Study with Breakfast 11:00 am Shabbat Service with Torah and Haftarah
Sun., Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	9:30 am Adult Study at CJCRS: The Five Megillot: classes taught by Rabbi Bill S. Tepper and Rabbi Susan Tendler
Tues., Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25 7:30 am	Early Morning Study with Rabbi Bill S. Tepper. New topic, no prior attendance required. FREE of charge.
Fri., Mar 7	5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat Service for Families with Young Children 7:30 pm First Friday Shabbat Dinner
Fri. Mar. 14	5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Purim Celebration featuring Megillah reading, costume contest and special appearance by the Chattanooga Kids on The Block puppets (see separate notice)
Sat., Mar. 15	5:00 pm "Havdallah at Home" for Families with Young Children, at the home of Rabbi Bill and Deborah Tepper
Fri., Mar. 21	5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat / Shabbat Shirim – Shabbat of Song, Amy Cohen, song leader
Fri., Mar. 28	4:00 pm Rabbi Bill S. Tepper to Hickory Valley Retirement Center for Shabbat Service 5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Early Tuesday Morning Study at Mizpah



This past October, adult learners began meeting each Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. to read and analyze the Bible's *The Book of Job*. We supplemented our study with the exploration of various commentaries and the viewing of relevant films. In March, we look forward to beginning our next topic of Jewish learning. All are welcome to join us. The coffee is always hot, and the conversation always stimulating! No prior attendance required, and there's no charge for these sessions.



Atlanta Jeff Stein, Southern States Leadership Management Director, delivered the AIPAC guest sermon on Feb. 7. Pictured (left) with Rabbi Tepper.



Adam Wassell (right), visiting Fellow from the Institute for Southern Jewish Life, in Jackson, MS. Adam was here recently and served as a guest leader in our Shabbat morning Torah Study.



Mizpah members Richard Zachary, Donna White-Dropkin, James Brown, and Ruth Longway prepare to walk in support of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The walk began at the Tivoli Theater and ended at Olivet Baptist Church Jan. 20.

You're Never Too Old: Become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah



Just because you're over 13 doesn't mean you can't experience the learning, wonder and joy of becoming a Bat or Bar Mitzvah. Adult students are invited to speak with Rabbi Tepper regarding undertaking this remarkable Jewish journey. Contact the rabbi at his Mizpah office and find out more today.



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each topic area including scripts, answers to questions children ask, background information on the topic, character biographies, resource materials, follow-up information, and continued support from the KOTB National Office. **KOB will perform at Mizpah March 14th for Purim.**

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by Rabbi Shaul Perlstein

Your Purim To-Do List

1) Listen to the Megillah



To relive the miraculous events of Purim, listen to the reading of the Gantse Megillah (entire book of Esther). And not just once but twice: Saturday night, March 15, and again on Purim day, March 16. Tell the children that Purim is the only time when it's a mitzvah to make noise! And don't forget to stamp out Hamans' name.

2) Give to the needy (*Matanot La'Evyoni*)

Concern for the needy is a year-round responsibility, but on Purim it is a special mitzvah to remember the poor. Give charity to at least two (but preferably more) needy individuals on Purim day, March 16.



3) Send food portions to friends (*Mishloach Manot*)

On Purim we emphasize the importance of Jewish unity and friendship by sending gifts of food to friends. On Purim day, March 16, send a gift of at least two kinds of ready-to-eat foods (e.g., pastry, fruit, beverage) to at least one friend.

4) Eat, Drink and Be Merry

Purim should be celebrated with a special festive meal on Purim day, at which family and friends gather together to rejoice in the Purim spirit. It is a mitzvah to drink wine or other inebriating drinks at this meal. (Enough to believe you are really in Mexico at this years "Purim in Mexico!")



Purim Customs: Masquerades and Hamantashen

It is customary for children to dress up and disguise themselves (a Mexican theme will make you fit right in) — an allusion to the fact that the miracle of Purim was disguised in natural garments. This is also the significance behind a

traditional Purim food, the *hamantash*—a pastry whose filling is hidden within a three-cornered crust.

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If you guessed a Cinco De Mayo celebration, try again.

These events will all be part of a Mexican Purim Fiesta!

Every year we celebrate a different country and this year the Purim Fiesta promises to be *extraordinario!*

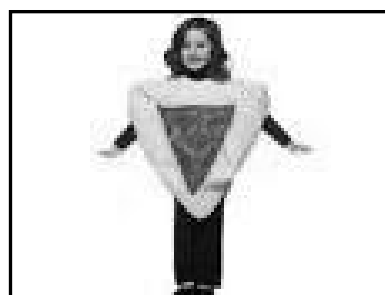
Jewish Womens Circle

Fourth Annual Hamantash Bake with Gayle Roistacher

Monday, March 3, 7 p.m.

Roll up your sleeves, bake and bring home a variety of delicious samples. Enjoy new and classic flavors. Learn and discuss the basic story of Purim, its deeper dimensions, and its life lessons.

Also enjoy a delicious Purim specialties buffet.



Mini Chefs: March 2

3:30-5 pm. At Chabad. \$5 suggested donation

Calling children ages 0-8 to showcase your talents in the kitchen. Join us for an afternoon of fun baking hamantashen. You are sure to walk out with a trophy of your own.

For more information about any of the events on this page or to RSVP, please contact
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Jewish Federation Mission Statement

The Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga builds and fosters a strong unified Jewish community and strives to ensure its well-being and continuity locally, in Israel, and throughout the world.

Jewish Cultural Center Statement of Purpose

The Jewish Cultural Center, funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, is a venue for programs, classes, and exhibits; social services; and a preschool—all rooted in Jewish values. The facility enables the Jewish community to raise its visibility, foster relationships, and strengthen its identity in the Chattanooga area.

Shofar Policies and Procedures

Article/Advertising Deadline

The deadline for *Shofar* articles, announcements, photos and advertising is the 8th of the preceding month. Submit articles via email to *Shofar* editor Dana Shavin at dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com. Photos should be emailed as high resolution (300 dpi) jpeg files. Hard copies of photos will be returned once they are scanned and the issue has gone to press.

The Shofar calendar

The Federation maintains an online calendar for the community that includes congregational events, social activities, special services and celebrations. Contact Deborah Tepper or Sarah DiStefano at the Federation (493-0270, ext. 10; federation@jewishchattanooga.com) before scheduling your event and/or to add your date to the calendar. View the online calendar by visiting www.jewishchattanooga.com and clicking the calendar tab.

Only Jewish Federation and Federation-sponsored events are listed on the *Shofar* calendar, which appears on the back page of each issue.

Letters to the Editor

It is the policy of *The Shofar* to encourage letters to the editor. For a letter to be published, it must be signed. The writer's name will be printed. Letters may be edited for length and are selected for publication at the discretion of the editor. Letters should be no more than 200 words.

Mazel Tovs and Condolences

Please contact Dana Shavin (or dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270, ext. 12) with information regarding mazel tovs and condolences. These announcements are accepted until the 20th of the month.

Articles about upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and other special events are featured on the Community Voices page. Text and photo must be provided in accordance with *Shofar* deadline on the 8th of the month preceding the issue.

Corrections

Please contact *Shofar* editor Dana Shavin if you find an error in *The Shofar*. We aim for accuracy.

Community Directory Updates

If you have updates/corrections to the community directory, please contact the Federation at federation@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270, ext 10. You can also make corrections at our website, jewishchattanooga.com.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 CJCRS 9:30am, MIZP YL Annual Meeting 2-3pm, JCC	24 Foreign Policy Supper Club Defense Technology in the 21st Century 6:00pm, JCC	25	26 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC Golden Agers Noon, JCC	27	28 Jew Crew retreat starts YL Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:17	1 Havdallah 7:14
2 CJCRS 9:30am, MIZP Jew Crew returns	3	4	5 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC Golden Agers Noon, JCC FeminIsrael 6:30pm, JCC	6	7 PJ Library and SP-BA Share Shabbat 9:00am, JCC Candle Lighting 6:24	8 Havdallah 7:20
9 CJCRS 9:30am, MIZP Jew Crew 12:15-2pm YL Habitat Build 9-3pm	10	11	12 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC Golden Agers Noon, JCC Mission Trip Meeting 5:30, JCC	13	14 Aleph Bet Shabbat 9:30am, JCC Candle Lighting 7:30	15 Havdallah 8:26
16 CJCRS 9:30am, MIZP Purim	17	18 Noon Nosh 12pm Chattanooga State Choir	19 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC Golden Agers Noon, JCC	20	21 Aleph Bet Shabbat 9:30am, JCC Candle Lighting 7:35	22 Havdallah 8:32
23 CJCRS 9:30am, MIZP	24 Foreign Policy Supper Club Israel and the US 6pm, JCC	25	26 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC Golden Agers Noon, JCC	27	28 Aleph Bet Shabbat 9:30am, JCC Candle Lighting 7:41	29 Havdallah 8:37 Ori Naftaly Concert, 9pm
30 CJCRS 9:30am, MIZP	31 Community Dinner and Music Program 6pm, JCC					

For an up-to-the-minute version of a calendar that displays events for all Jewish community organizations, click the Community Calendar tab on the homepage of www.jewishchattanooga.com. The Shofar calendar lists only Jewish Federation and Federation-sponsored events.

Key Jewish Federation Dates

PJ Library
Friday, March 7, 9:00 a.m.

YL Habitat Build
Sunday, March 9

Chattanooga State Choir (Noon Nosh)
Tuesday, March 18, 12 p.m.

The Ori Naftaly Band
Saturday, March 29, 9p.m.

Community Dinner
Monday March 31, 6p.m.

Calendar Abbreviation Key

Aleph Bet	Aleph Bet Children's Center
BZ	B'nai Zion Congregation
CJCRS	Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School
JCC	Jewish Cultural Center
YL	Jewish Federation Young Leadership
P2G	Partnership 2Gether

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